

These results gave me just over 25% of the *fowleri* forms, which is in accordance with this ab. being inherited as a simple recessive. It is interesting to note that in the wild, *fowleri* females are considerably rarer than *fowleri* males, but my breeding results gave me about equal numbers of each sex in this aberration.

Breeding *L. coridon* ab. *ultrafowlerimargino* (B. & L.)

A friend, Mr. David Tyler, who was collecting with me in Dorset during the end of July 1974, captured a rather worn male *L. coridon* ab. *ultrafowleri* (B. & L.). Being in too poor a condition for the cabinet, he kindly gave it me to see if I could pair it with a female from one of various *coridon* stocks. The female I selected was from the F1 generation of a male *inframarginata* I had captured the previous year. The small F1 brood had not shown any tendency towards *marginata* in the males, so having only a limited supply of foodplant, I did not continue to breed it on to an F2 generation. A pairing between the *fowleri* male and the female was seen, and about 80 ova resulted.

A typical F1 generation of about 20 was successfully bred, and pairings obtained. From these I had about 150 ova before releasing the stock on to a local down. I gave Mr. Tyler some of these ova, but when he moved house he was unable to give them sufficient attention, and so failed to breed them. I was more fortunate and succeeded in rearing an F2 generation of 16 males which were typical (with a few top-side ab. *punctata*, but typical undersides). Eleven male *ultrafowleri*, most of which were *ultrafowlerimargino* (B. & L.) (5th row), seven typical females, eight *fowleri* females (6th row) (these are less extreme than those of the other *fowleri* stock mentioned above, in that the squares on the upperside are only smokey-white, and some were only a little better than ab. *punctata*, but were nonetheless true *fowleri* on the underside). This very interesting brood gave me nearly 50% of *fowleri* forms, and a higher rate than I should have expected.

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MIGRANT LEPIDOPTERA IN THE MIDLANDS IN 1976. — Following the remarkably large catches in my m.v. garden trap here at Hilton during July, I was pleased to note a female *Hyles gallii* (Rott.) in very fresh condition just before 23.00 hours on 13th August. I have been collecting at Hilton for five years and this is the first time I have encountered this species. A second interesting insect is a specimen of *Agrius convolvuli* (L.) given to me by Mr. Bryan Thomas of Crewe, and which was captured on the morning of 20th September resting on a milk bottle in the doorway of a house in the Wistaston district of Crewe. Unfortunately the wing tips had been damaged by a local journalist who had stapled it to a card and photographed it for the local newspaper. — A. WM. SPEED, The Dumbles, 14 Filed Close, Hilton, Derby.